

Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed. Be involved.



Be Ready
Worship Weekend
September 5, 6 & 7, 2008

September is National Preparedness Month. We encourage you to take steps to be prepared for emergencies.

The Arizona Departments of Homeland Security, Emergency and Military Affairs, Health Services; Maricopa County Departments of Public Health and Regional Development Services Agency; and Arizona Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster ask you to join other congregations across Arizona to promote individual, family and community emergency preparedness.

Are you familiar with AZ211?

AZ211 is Arizona's community information website. During an emergency, information will be available at www.az211.gov or by calling 211.

Are you ready to appoint an emergency planner in your house of worship who can help congregants GET A KIT and MAKE A PLAN?

Emergency supply kits should contain nonperishable food and water to last at least 72 hours. Information on recommended items for an emergency supply kit and a family communications plan are available at www.azdohs.gov or www.az211.gov.

Are you part of a faith-based community network so that you can BE INVOLVED?

You can become part of a faith-based community network by contacting Arizona Volunteers Organizations Active in Disasters. Visit www.azvoad.org.

Are you aware of your congregation's vulnerable populations so you can help them BE READY?

When planning for emergency preparedness, consider helping those of your congregation who may have special needs or require additional assistance with their individual preparedness plan. Information on preparing people with special needs can be found at www.azdohs.gov, www.az211.gov or www.ready.gov.

Where can I get information so I can BE INFORMED about emergency preparedness in my community?

Contact your county emergency management office for more information on emergency preparedness in your community. Visit our website at www.azdohs.gov or www.azvoad.org for information.



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What are some of the ways I can become involved in emergency preparedness in my community?

Get Trained

In 95% of all emergencies, bystanders or victims themselves are the first ones to provide emergency assistance or to perform a rescue.

Be a Volunteer

Community emergency Response Team (CERT)

Basic disaster response training you can use to respond *effectively to the needs of others in an emergency.*

Fire Corps

Citizen advocates enhancing the capacity of resource-constrained fire and rescue departments at all levels: volunteers, combination and career.

Neighborhood Watch

Community residents focusing and preparing against emergencies, crimes and terrorism.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Medical and public health professionals organized to offer service in emergency response and public advocacy throughout the year.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Volunteers committed to enhancing the capacity of state and local law enforcement.

For more information, visit: www.azdohs.gov, www.az211.gov or www.ready.gov.